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AUGUST 21-27, FIELD OPERATIONS THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1978

1. GOM ERADICATION AND ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FOR THE
34TH WEEK OF 1978 ARE OUTLINED BELOW. FIGURES IN
PARENTHESES REFLECT CUMULATIVE TOTALS SINCE DECEMBER 1977.
ERADICATION, AUGUST 21-27, 1978

ZONES	5-9	3-4	1-2	TOTAL
A. POPPY FIELDS	26.	0	17.	43.(15,842)
B. HECTARES	2.60	0	.096	2.70 (1268)
C. MARIHUANA FIELDS	313.	305.	362.	980.(6426)
D. HECTARES	23.57	20.15	87.56	131.28 (837)
E. MEXED FIELDS	0	0	0	0 (114)
F. HECTARES	0	0	0	0 (18)

ENFORCEMENT, AUGUST 21-27, 1978

-	THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
A. KG HEROIN	2.805	93.665

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B. KG OPIUM	0	299.485
C. KG OPIUM SEED	0	98.09
D. HEROIN LABS	0	16
E. HASHISH/MARIHUANA LABS	0	2
F. DANGEROUS DRUGS LABS	0	3
G. KG COCAINE	1.181	53.838
H. KG MARIHUANA	2924.	430,497

I. KG MARIHUANA SEED	20.975	1,829.205
J. KG HASHISH	.040	63.915
K. LITERS HASHISH OIL	0	.250
L. KG PEYOTE	0	22.02
M. DU DANGEROUS DRUGS	17,500	22,296,102.
N. DANGEROUS DRUG TABLET MACHINES	0	3
O. ARRESTS, MEXICAN	98	3360
P. ARRESTS, U.S.	4	110
Q. ARRESTS OTHER	1	35
R. VEHICLES	19	518
S. WEAPONS	19	1059
T. AMMUNITION	411	41,912
U. PESOS	\$50,000.00	\$3,267,288.00
V. DOLLARS	0	\$75,432.00
W. AIRCRAFT	1	32
X. VESSELS	0	3

2. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR THE 34TH WEEK OF 1978 COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977 SHOW 43 POPPY FIELDS COVERING 2.70 HECTARES DESTROYED IN 1978 AS COMPARED TO 320 POPPY FIELDS COVERING 9.75 HECTARES DESTROYED DURING 1977. FIGURES FOR 1978 SHOW AN APPROXIMATE 86 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF FIELDS DESTROYED AND AN APPROXIMATE 75 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF HECTARES DESTROYED COMPARED TO 1977 FIGURES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MAJORITY OF POPPY ERADICATION ACTIVITY FOR BOTH YEARS CONTINUES IN ZONE II (CHILPANCINGO, GUERRERO).

3. FIELD OPERATIONS. JOINT EVALUATION TEAM RECON FLIGHTS COVERED NINE SECTORS IN GUERRERO IN 15 SORTIES AND LOCATED ITS FIRST POPPY CROPS SINCE FLIGHTS BEGAN FOUR WEEKS AGO. TOTAL SIGHTINGS WERE 50 POPPY FIELDS AND 26 OF MARIJUANA. FOUR OF THE NINE SECTORS (249, 254, 268 AND 269) WERE NEGATIVE. POPPY WAS LOCATED IN SECTORS 252 (6 FIELDS), 253 (21 FIELDS), 257 (2 FIELDS) AND 258 (21 FIELDS). MARIJUANA WAS LOCATED IN SECTORS 253 (6 FIELDS), 258 (4 FIELDS) AND 270 (16 FIELDS). A TEAM PARTICIPANT REPORTED THAT ALL POPPY FIELDS WERE SMALL, WITH SEVERAL, POSSIBLY INTENDED FOR SEED PRODUCTION, "AS SMALL AS MATTRESSES". BAD WEATHER IS BEGINNING TO GROUND SPRAY AIRCRAFT WITH RESULT THAT ABOUT 25 OF THE POPPY FIELDS WERE IN FLOWER. TEAM HAS COMPLETED INSPECTION OF GUERRERO AND MOVES TO CULIACAN SEPT ONE, BEGINNING RECON FLIGHTS FROM THAT BASE ON SEPT TWO.

4. TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

A) TELECOMMUNICATIONS. LORAN-C PROPAGATION TESTS ARE

UNDERWAY IN CULIACAN.

B) E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT: THE DCASPRO PERFORMANCE AUDIT TEAM COMPLETED ITS WORK IN MEXICO ON AUGUST 31 AND IS RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES, WITH ONE MEMBER OF TEAM STOPPING AT NORTH HOLLYWOOD TO LOOK AT PROCUREMENT. TEAM LEADER INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT ENCOUNTERED NO PROBLEMS NOT COVERED DURING EMBASSY BRIEFING, BUT CONFIRMED THAT THESE PROBLEMS DO IN FACT EXIST. TEAM WAS NOT IMPRESSED WITH E-SYSTEMS

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PERSONNEL, WHOM THEY FEEL DEVOTE INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO TRAINING COUNTERPARTS. GOM CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR (UGALDE) WAS HIGHLY PRAISED BY TEAM, AS WAS DEDICATION OF INDIVIDUAL GOM MECHANICS. MAJOR SURPRISE WAS TEAM'S BELIEF THAT HANGAR OPERATION IN CULIACAN WAS "TOP FLIGHT" OPERATION FAR BETTER THAN MEXICO CITY IN ORGANIZATION AND E-SYSTEMS MANAGER IN CULIACAN WAS HIGHLY PRAISED FOR HIS EFFORTS TO TRAIN MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS. DCASPRO TEAM MET WITH BAEZA EVENING OF AUG 30 FOR ORAL DEBRIEFING, WHICH PROVIDED OCCASION FOR BAEZA ONCE AGAIN TO LECTURE HIS TROOPS ON THE NEED FOR BETTER PERFORMANCE. DCASPRO EXPECTS TO HAVE INITIAL REPORT IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AND TEAM LEADER (DURRIN) PLANS VISIT TO MEXICO CITY WEEK OF SEPT 18 TO DISCUSS REPORT WITH BAEZA AND UGALDE.

C) FLIGHT OPERATIONS: REQUIREMENTS ON AIRFLEET WERE UNUSUALLY HIGH THIS WEEK WITH SPRAYING, JOINT EVALUATION TEAM, TRAINING, AND LORAN-C TESTS ALL REQUIRING

AIRLIFT. THE BELL 206 FLEET REACHED A RECORD AVAILABILITY
OF 94.5 PERCENT ON ONE DAY, SHOWING THAT IT CAN BE DONE.
TWO DOSS AVIATION PILOTS ARRIVED TO BEGIN TRAINING; THEY
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BEGIN WORK IN CULIACAN AND TUXTEPEC OVER WEEKEND.
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